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REMARKS

This Amendment is submitted preliminary to the issuance of an Office Action in the present application.

Applicant has canceled original claims 1-14 in favor of new claims 15-33 which are intended to present claims in proper form and language and to better encompass the full scope and breadth of the invention notwithstanding applicant's belief that the claims would have been allowable as originally filed. Accordingly, applicant asserts that no claims have been narrowed to trigger prosecution history estoppel. No fee is due.

In addition, applicant has amended the specification to present it in proper form and language and to delete a reference to a particular claim number. Fig. 3 has been amended to change reference numeral "53" to --54--. A new drawing sheet, labeled "Replacement Sheet" is submitted herewith.

A substitute specification which includes all the foregoing changes to the specification (other than the claims) is enclosed herewith.

When the Examiner takes this application up for action, s/he is requested to take the foregoing into account.

Respectfully submitted.

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